

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 6 (cancelled).

7. (new) A nonwoven production machine comprising a spun-bond tower for depositing filaments as a web onto an upper run of a first conveyor, a first means for forwarding the web from the first conveyor to a first water jet consolidation unit along a path having a direction other than that of the upper run of the first conveyor and, downstream of the calender, a deflection means for deflecting a calendered web as required, either directly to an application unit for applying a product to the web, or indirectly with interposition of a second consolidation unit, to the unit for applying a product to the web, and a second conveyor for forwarding the web leaving the first consolidation unit to the second consolidation unit.

8. (new) A machine according to claim 7, wherein the first forwarding means comprises a drum.

9. (new) A machine according to claim 7, wherein the deflection means comprises a roll.

10. (new) A machine according to claim 7, further including an expressing means upstream of the application unit.

11. (new) A machine according to claim 10, wherein the expressing means comprises a third conveyor and a device for creating a vacuum.

12. (new) A machine according to claim 7, wherein the application unit comprises a station for applying a product, a drying station and a wind-up station.